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SUBJECT: CONVENTION CENTER

REFTEL: PANAMA 08194

1. SUGGEST YOU DRAW ON FOLLOWING TO ALLAY MINISTER
BARLETTA'S CONCERNS ABOUT USG POSITION RELATING TO
PROPOSED IDB ORDINARY CAPITAL TOURISM PROJECT AND PUT IN
PERSPECTIVE THAT WHAT ARE PURELY TECHNICAL CONCERNS
UNFORTUNATELY HAVE BEEN BLOWN UP TO A POLITICAL PROBLEM.
YOU MAY INFORM GOP THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW WITHIN USG
RELATING TO ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY ASPECTS OF CONVENTION
CENTER COMPONENT OF IDB TOURISM LOAN, AS WELL AS POLICY
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CONCERNS AS TO WHETHER IDB SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN

FINANCING CONVENTION CENTER PROJECTS BUT THAT THERE IS NO
FIRM US POSITION ON CONVENTION CENTER AT THIS TIME.FYI: IN
KEEPING WITH STANDARD PRACTICE OF INFORMING IDB MANAGEMENT
OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS AT EARLY STAGE OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE INFORMED
BANK MANAGEMENT OF OUR CONCERNS SO THAT THEY COULD BE
DEALT WITH ON A TECHNICAL BASIS. US EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S COMMUNICATION TO IDP MANAGEMENT DESCRIBED US
CONCERNS AS PURELY TECHNICAL IN NATURE BASED ON ANALYSIS
BY SOME GOVERNMENT ECONOMISTS. END FYI. WE UNDERSTAND

THAT IDB LOAN DOCUMENT IS NOT IN FINAL FORM BUT HAVE
VERIFIED THAT IDB IS INCLUDING CONVENTION CENTER AS
COMPONENT IN PROPOSED TOURISM PROJECT. WE WILL DEVELOP
FINAL USG POSITION ON LOAN WHEN DOCUMENT BECOMES
AVAILABLE, PROBABLY IN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, AND WILL KEEP
YOU INFORMED. YOU CAN OF COURSE, ASSURE BARLETTA THAT
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND THE
QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ASKED ABOUT THE LOAN.

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